Bjarne Due Larsen, et al. Preliminary Amendment Page 3

REMARKS

Amendment of the specification as shown above is respectfully requested. Submitted with this Preliminary Amendment are copies of Information Disclosure Statements of record in the parent of this case (USSN 09/792,286). Consideration of the IDS documents in the present application is requested. If the Examiner requires copies of the references, the undersigned would be happy to provide same after being notified.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 4, 2004

Robert L. Buchanan Registration No. 40,927 EDWARDS & ANGELL, LLP P. O. Box 55874 Boston, MA 02205 Tel. (617) 439-4444

Fax Nos.: (617) 439-4170 / 7748

Customer No.: 21874

Doc. 432546